

ORCR Tribal Program Internship Summer 2015

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Assisting staff in providing tools for tribal governments to use when developing waste management programs.

Describe program (mission/objectives):

The Federal, State, and Tribal Programs Branch (FSTPB) of EPA's Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR) provides guidance and support to federal agencies, states, and EPA regional offices on waste management programs implemented under authority of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). FSTPB coordinates RCRA municipal and hazardous waste programs for Native American tribal governments, and the national program to meet Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) goals for clean-up, closure, and upgrades of open dumps in Indian Country.

Define project(s), objective(s) and tasks/assignment(s):

Project(s): The intern will be assigned to the ORCR Tribal Team as a member of a national EPA work group to evaluate approaches for tribal governments to develop integrated solid waste management plans appropriate to tribes with different populations, resources, and waste management challenges.

Objective(s): The project's objective is to assist EPA meet GPRA goals by providing tools for tribal governments to use when developing waste management programs. Tools could include written materials, peer support among tribes, training courses, and other methods to develop and sustain successful waste management strategies in Indian Country.

Task(s)/assignment(s): Assignments include researching waste management practices and needs in Indian Country, working with the ORCR Tribal Team and national work group members on requests from EPA regions and tribes for planning documents and training, and developing presentations on Tribal Team projects. The intern will also assist with development of the *Tribal Waste Journal*, EPA's publication for tribes on RCRA issues.

Identify prerequisite qualifications: Oral/written communication skills. Team participation and outreach skills. Experience/interest in Native American tribal culture, government, and environmental issues.